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**Honorable Assistant Commissioner
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Washington, D.C. 20231**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment and Response is preliminary to examination in the concurrently filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and is in response to the Final Office Action dated August 29, 2005, the period of response to which is set to expire on November 29, 2005. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.